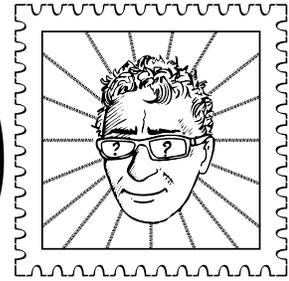


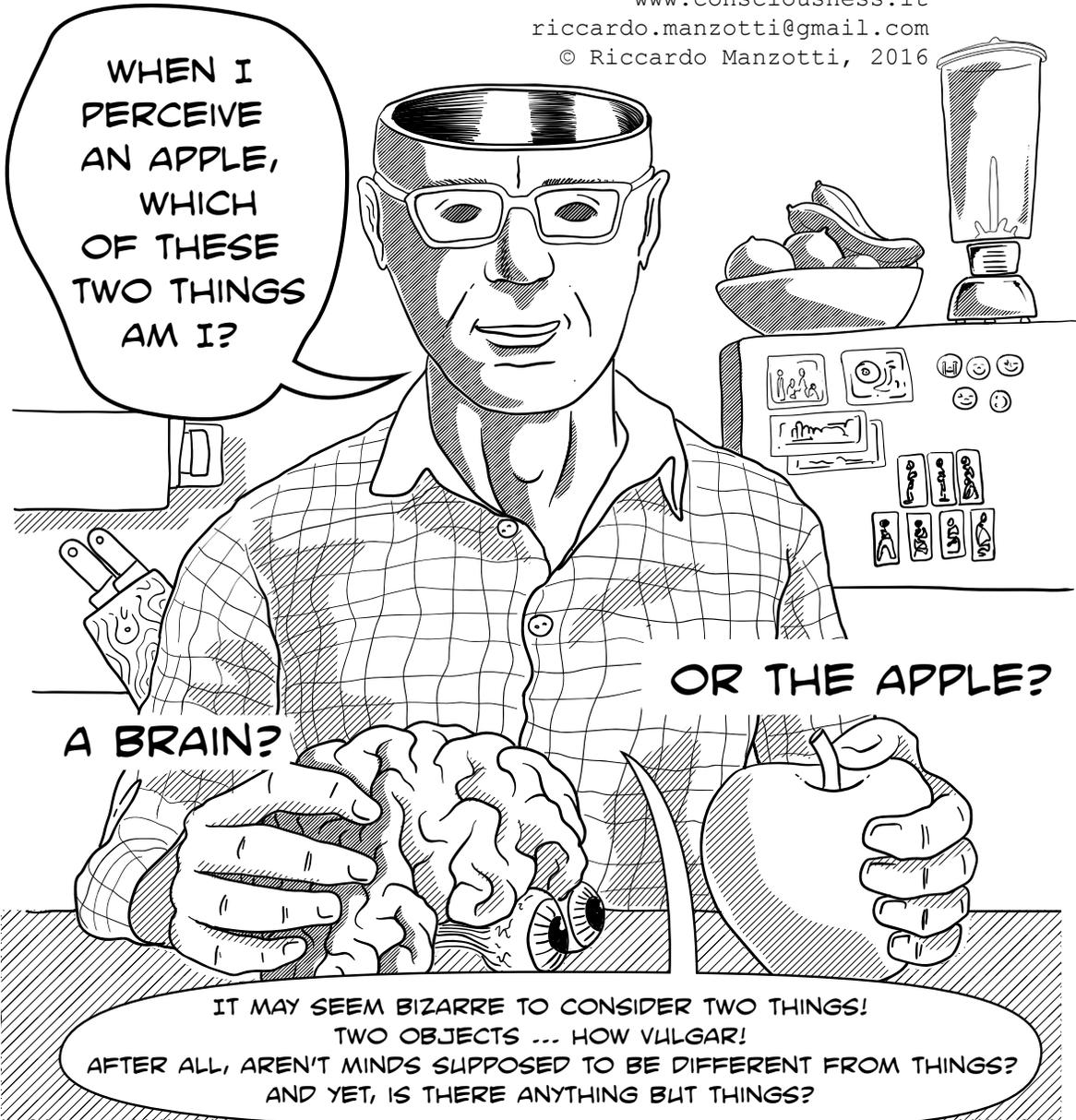
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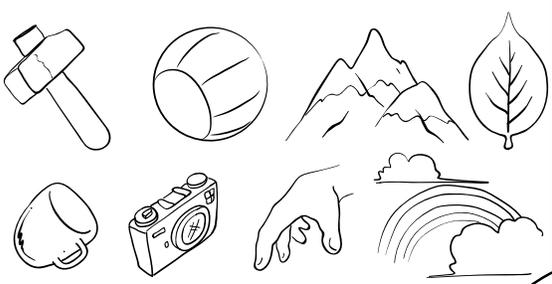


A MIND OBJECT

IDENTITY THEORY

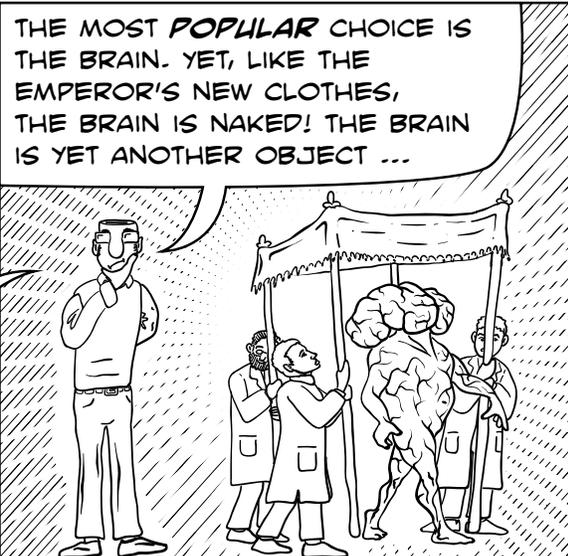
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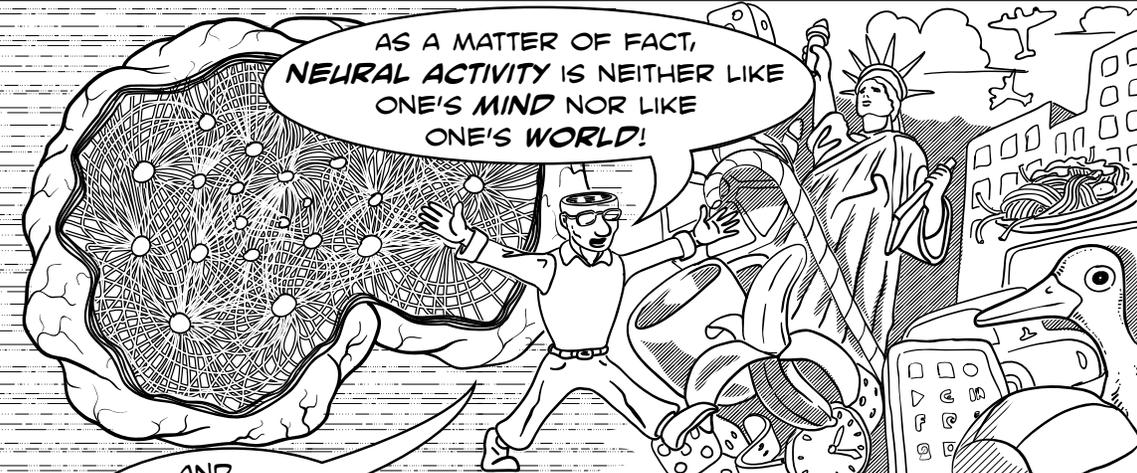


THE MOST **POPULAR** CHOICE IS THE BRAIN. YET, LIKE THE EMPEROR'S NEW CLOTHES, THE BRAIN IS NAKED! THE BRAIN IS YET ANOTHER OBJECT ...

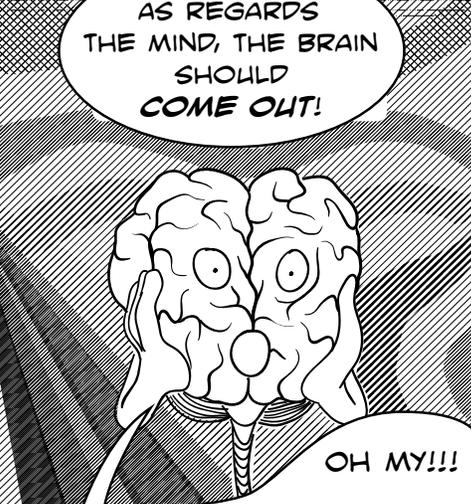
I MEAN 'THINGS' BECAUSE IN NATURE EVERYTHING IS A **SPATIOTEMPORALLY** ENTITY MADE OF **MATTER/ENERGY** WITH A **CAUSAL** ROLE, THAT IS ... A **THING!**



AS A MATTER OF FACT, **NEURAL ACTIVITY** IS NEITHER LIKE ONE'S **MIND** NOR LIKE ONE'S **WORLD!**



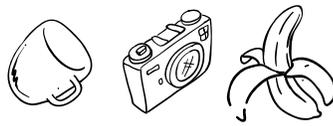
AND ... AS REGARDS THE MIND, THE BRAIN SHOULD **COME OUT!**



OH MY!!!

I AM A **PHYSICAL** OBJECT I THOUGHT I WAS **SPECIAL**, BUT I AM NOT!

FURTHERMORE, IF OBJECTS HAD NONE OF EXPERIENCE'S PROPERTIES



ARE **PHYSICAL**

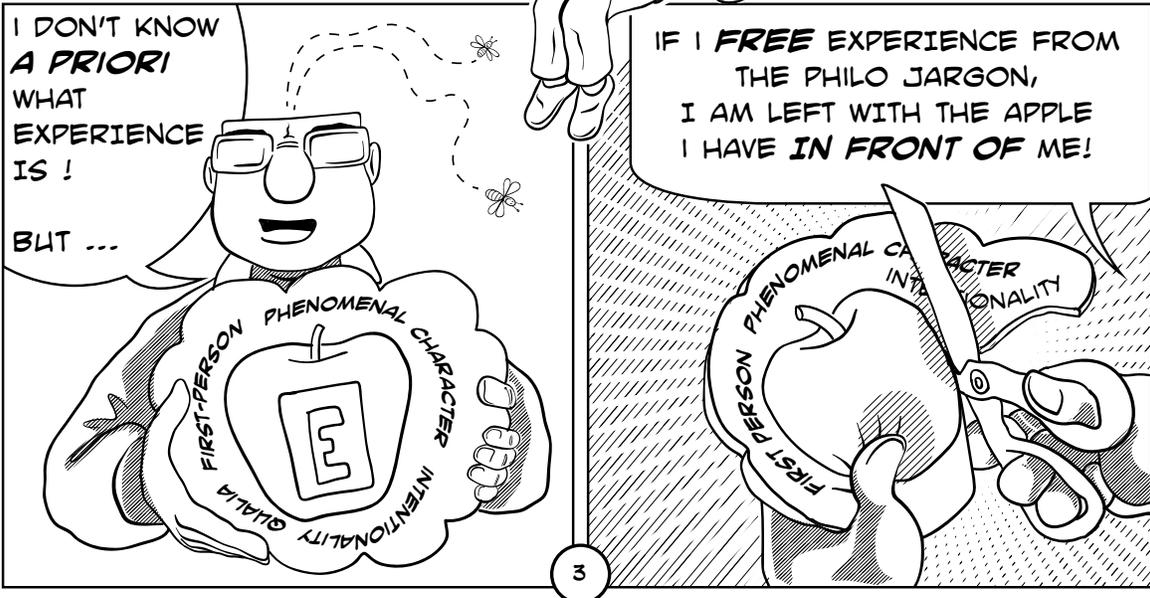
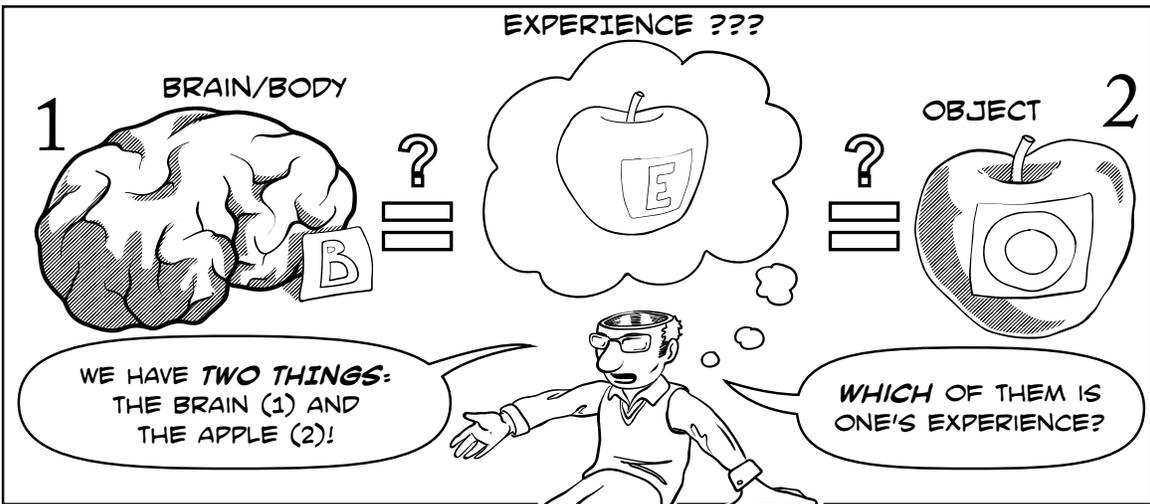
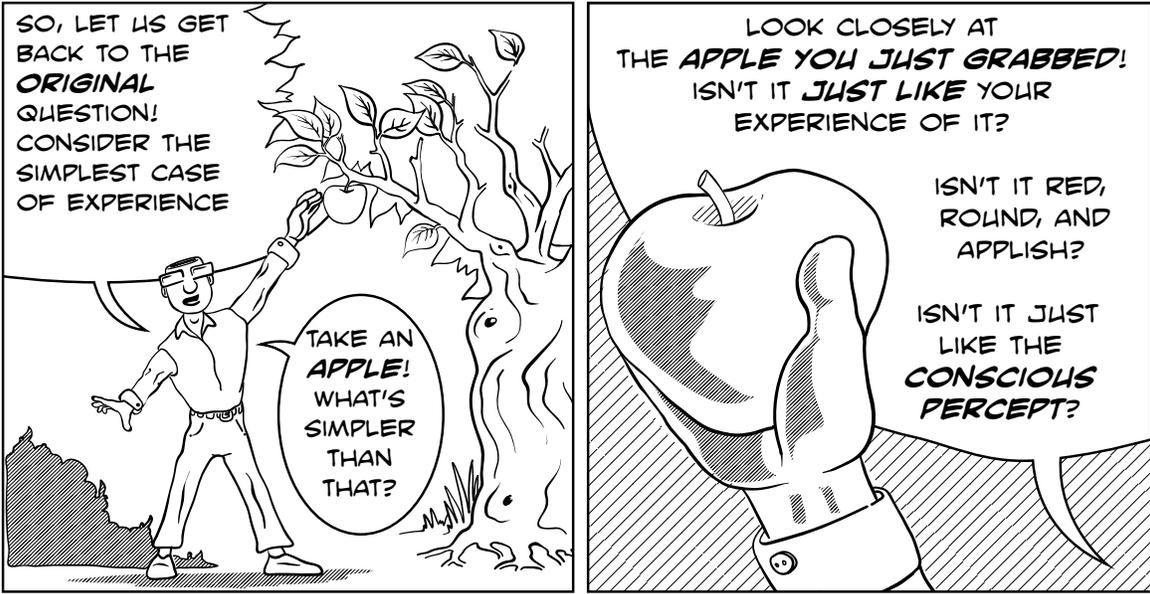
THEN, THE BRAIN, BEING AN OBJECT, COULD HAVE NONE EITHER!



IS **PHYSICAL** TOO!

HOWEVER, RATHER THAN THROW AWAY THE BRAIN, LET'S CONSIDER

2 OTHER **PHYSICAL** CANDIDATES!



THUS, IF I CONTRAST THE **EXPERIENCE** OF THE APPLE WITH THE **APPLE**, THEY ARE THE **SAME!**

ON THE OTHER HAND, **BRAIN** AND THE **EXPERIENCE** OF THE APPLE ARE COMPLETELY **DIFFERENT!**

I CAN **PUT BACK** MY BRAIN IN MY SKULL, THE BRAIN IS THE ONLY OBJECT I AM NOT! I MUST BE ELSEWHERE!

ONE MIGHT PUT EXPERIENCE **OUTSIDE** OF THE PHYSICAL WORLD. BUT IT WOULD BE A **NON STARTER**

HERE?
IN ANOTHER DIMENSION?

SOLUTION 1: DUALISM

WHERE AM I THEN? WHERE IS THE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLE?

OR, ONE MIGHT PUT THE MIND INSIDE THE BRAIN. BUT, THE BRAIN IS JUST AN OBJECT AND INSIDE THE HEAD **NOTHING** IS LIKE ONE'S EXPERIENCE

HERE?

THEN, I AM LEFT WITH THE ONLY PHYSICAL CANDIDATE: THE OBJECT! A **MIND-OBJECT** IDENTITY THEORY

OR, SURPRISINGLY, HERE?

HERE?

IN SHORT THE IDEA IS THAT ONE'S EXPERIENCE IS THE **VERY** OBJECT ONE EXPERIENCES! CALL IT **OBJECT BOUND**

I AM THE MIND!!!

OBJECT = EXPERIENCE

SOLUTION 2: BRAINBOUND

SOLUTION 3: OBJECTBOUND!

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LET'S TAKE A QUANTUM LEAP! LEAVE BEHIND THE ORTHODOX BRAIN/BODY-CENTRIC VIEW OF REALITY AND EMBRACE A NEW STANCE. THE CENTER IS NO LONGER THE BODY BUT THE OBJECT!

THE OLD VIEW!

'PTOLEMAIC' BRAIN-CENTERED VIEW OF THE MIND

THE HYPOTHESIS IS RATHER STRAIGHTFORWARD!

WHEN I EXPERIENCE AN OBJECT, *THE THING I AM* IS THE VERY OBJECT! IT IS A *MIND-OBJECT IDENTITY THEORY!*

THE NEW VIEW!

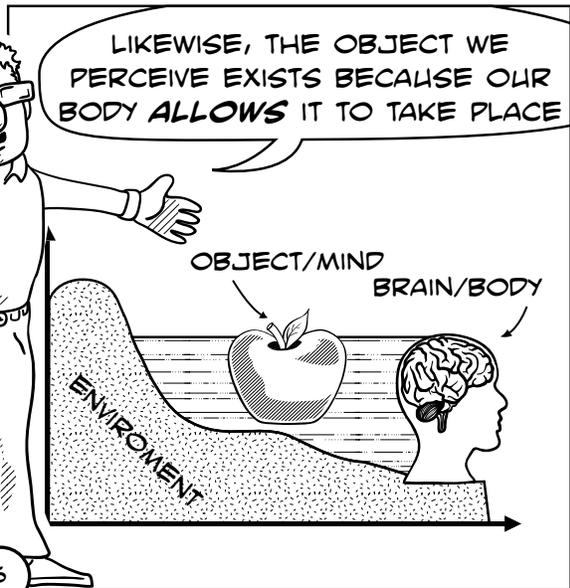
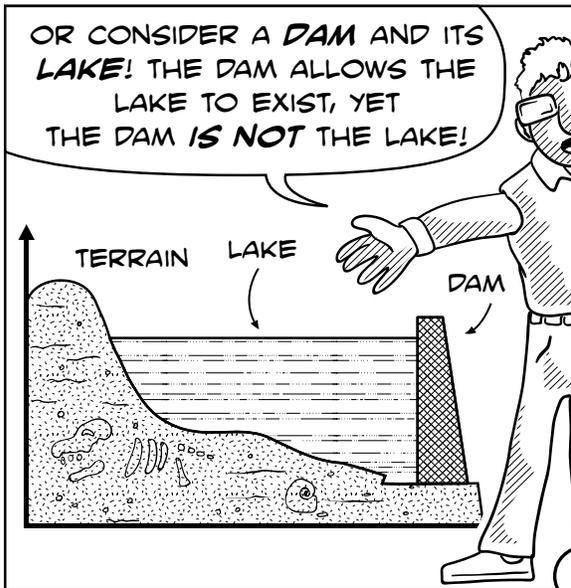
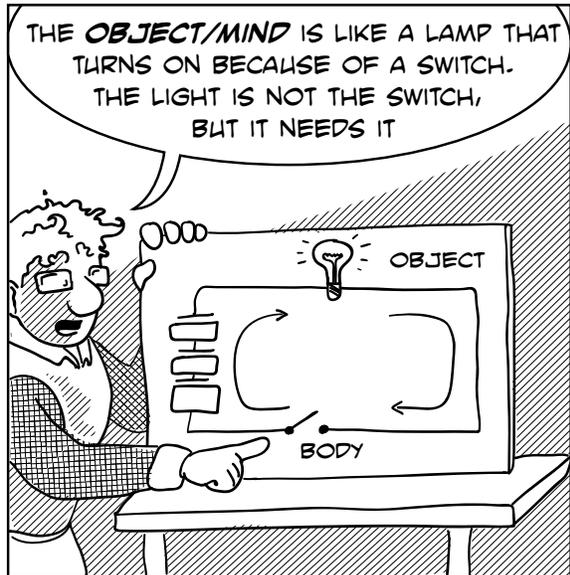
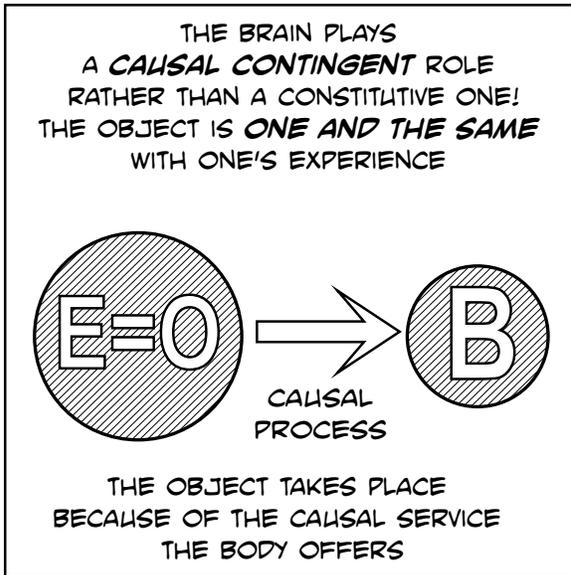
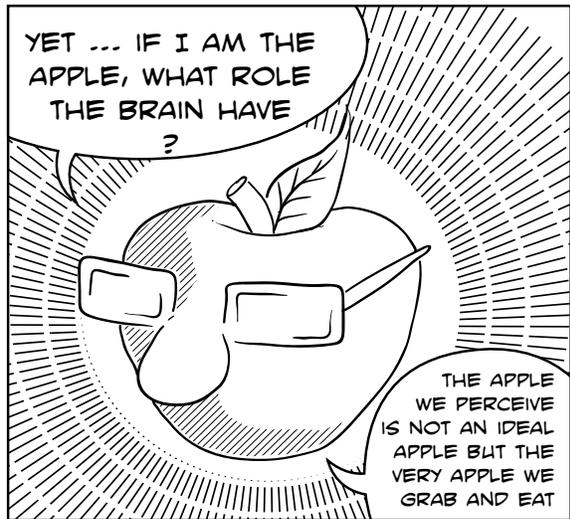
'COPERNICAN' OBJECT-CENTERED VIEW OF THE MIND

WAIT A SEC!
I CAN'T BE THE APPLE!
I FEEL I AM HERE! INSIDE MY HEAD! **BEHIND** MY EYES AND **BETWEEN** MY EARS!

MY MIND IS NOT HERE

NONSENSE!
ONE DOES NOT FEEL *WHERE* THE MIND IS, ONE FEELS *WHERE THE BODY IS!*
MORE PRECISELY, WHERE SENSORY ORGANS ARE.

DENNETT SHOWED HOW TO DEBUNK SUCH A NOTION!



IN PRACTICE, AN OBJECT IS LIKE A **KEY**, AND THE BRAIN IS LIKE ITS **LOCK**!

THE LIST OF THE PROPERTIES OF OBJECTS AND THE LIST OF CAUSAL COUPLINGS BETWEEN NATURE AND OUR BODIES IS PERFECT

ACTUALLY, THE BRAIN IS MORE LIKE A COLLECTION OF LOCKS

IN FACT, IT IS NOT BY CHANCE THAT THE OBJECTS WE PERCEIVE ARE ONLY THOSE THAT TAKE PLACE BECAUSE OF OUR BODIES!

THUS, WE CAN FINALLY OVERCOME THE DREADED SUBJECTIVE VS. OBJECTIVE GAP (AKA THE HARD PROBLEM)!

FOR INSTANCE, CONSIDER VELOCITY, IS IT SUBJECTIVE OR RELATIVE?

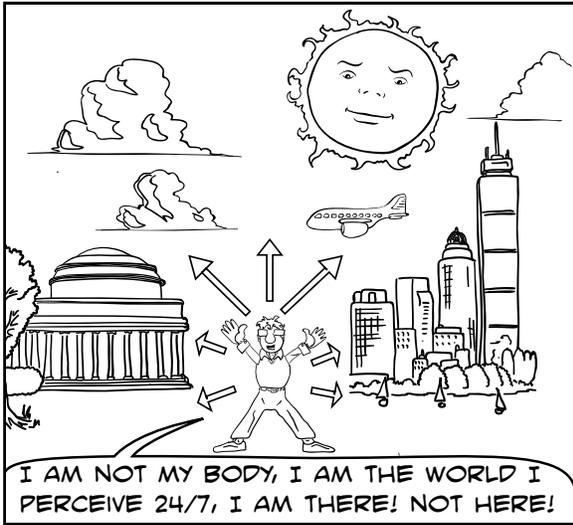
IN PHYSICS, A BODY CAN HAVE AS MANY RELATIVE VELOCITIES AS REFERENCE FRAMES. SUCH VELOCITIES ARE NOT SUBJECTIVE, THEY ARE REALATIVE.

ALL SUCH VELOCITIES ARE REAL AND ARE THERE IN THE OBJECT, NO MATTER WHETHER THEY ARE RELATIVE

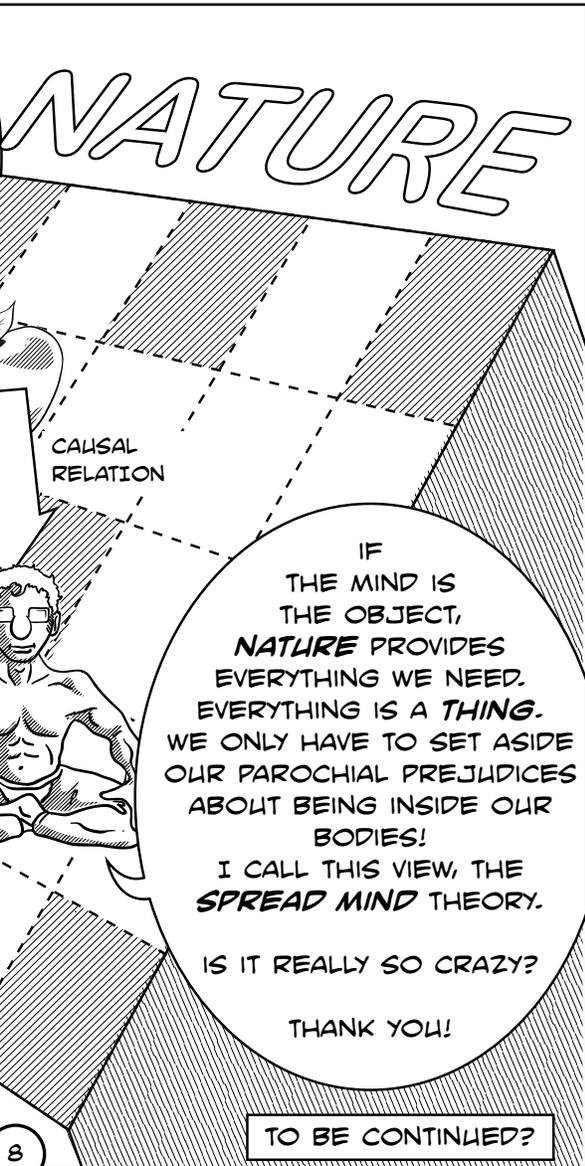
LIKewise, SOME STUFF CAN BE AS MANY DIFFERENT OBJECTS RELATIVELY TO AS MANY DIFFERENT PHYSICAL SYSTEMS ARE THERE

THE SO-CALLED 'SUBJECTIVE' PROPERTIES ARE JUST RELATIVE PROPERTIES, LIKE VELOCITY

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NATURE IS A SPATIOTEMPORAL MANIFOLD POPULATED OF **THINGS** WITH A CAUSAL ROLE: THE BODY AND THE OBJECT. WHICH ONE IS MY EXPERIENCE? THE IDEA IS REALLY **SIMPLE**: THE EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLE IS THE APPLE! I AM THE OBJECT. MY MIND IS WHERE THE OBJECT IS! AND NOT WHERE THE BODY IS. THE BODY AND THE MIND ARE IN TWO **DIFFERENT** PLACES.



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